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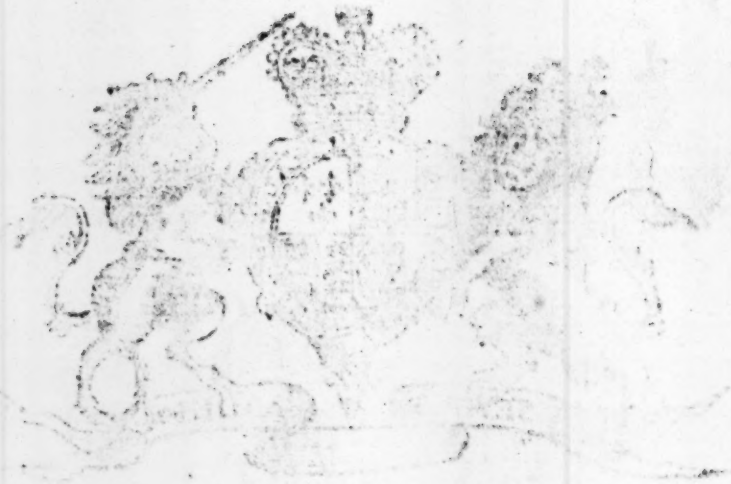

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My Lords and Gentlemen,

IT is a great Satisfaction to Me, That I am able to Give you ſo good an Account of the Progreſs of the War ſince the laſt Seſſion of Parliament.

In the Beginning of this Year Our Enemies made uſe of all their Artifices to Amuſe Us with Falſe Appearances, and Deceitful Inſinuations of their Deſire of Peace, in Hopes that from thence Means might be found to Create ſome Diviſions or Jealouſies among the Allies: But they were entirely Diſappointed in their Expectation; and ſuch Meaſures were taken upon that Occaſion, as made it Impoſſible for them long to Diſguiſe their Inſincerity: The Operations of the War were not Delay'd, and the Campaign, which, notwithſtanding the Backwardneſs of the Seaſon, immediately followed, has been at leaſt as Glorious for the Allies as any of thoſe which have preceded it.

God Almighty has been pleas'd to Bleſs Us with a moſt Remarkable Victory, and with ſuch other Great and Important Succeſſes, both before and after it, that *France* is thereby become much more Expoſed and Open to the Impreſſion of Our Arms, and conſequently more in need of a Peace, than it was at the Beginning of this Campaign.

However the War ſtill Continuing, I find My Self Oblig'd again to Deſire you, *Gentlemen of the Houſe of Commons*, to Grant Me ſuch Supplies, as you ſhall Judge Neceſſary for the Aſſiſting Our Allies in all Parts, and the Vigorous Proſecution of Our Advantages, that We may put the laſt Hand to this great Work of Reducing that Exorbitant and Oppreſſive Power, which has ſo long Threatned the Liberties of *Europe*.

I Aſſure you, That all you Give ſhall be Carefully Apply'd to the Uſes of the War, if it Continues, or to the Leſſening of the Debts it has neceſſarily Occaſioned, in Caſe of a Peace; which tho' the many Wants and Diſtreſſes of Our Enemies may naturally lead Us to Expect, yet Our own late Experience may fully Convince Us, is not to be Depended upon any other Way, than by being in a Condition to Compel them to ſuch Terms as may be Safe and Honourable for all the Allies.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I think it proper to take Notice to you, That the great Dearth and Scarcity, under which Our Neighbours Abroad have Suffer'd this Year, begins to Affect Us in ſome Meaſure at Home, by the Temptation of Profit in Carrying out too much of Our Corn, while it bears ſo high a Price in Foreign Parts.

This Occaſions many Complaints from the Poor, for whoſe Sake I earneſtly Recommend to you, to take this growing Evil into your Conſideration, having not Neglected any Thing on My Part, towards the Remedying of it, that the Law would allow.

I cannot Conclude without Obſerving to you, of what great Advantage it will be at this time, to the End We all Propoſe to Our Selves, that the greateſt Diſpatch be given to the Neceſſary Preparations for Carrying on the War. 5

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